

REMARKS

This paper is filed in response to the office action mailed on March 14, 2005. In the office action, claims 1-8 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph. With this amendment, claims 9-11 have been added. Therefore, claims 1-11 are pending in the application.

In this response, claims 1-8 have been amended primarily to simplify and clarify the claim language. Claim 1-8 have been amended to contain correct Markush language for group listings, to correct grammatical errors, and to conform language to US Patent Office norms. No new matter has been added.

Claims 1-4 have been further amended to remove the modifying phrase "for image recording" in referencing the yellow pigment compositions, as the claims are directed to yellow pigment compositions and process for making the pigments contained in the composition, and not to the end use of the claimed compositions in image recording. New claims 9-11 are now directed to the process of image recording.

Claim 4 is amended to clarify the subject matter being claimed. Claim 4 is directed to the process of making yellow pigments, which includes reacting a base of formulae (4), (5) or (6) with a coupling agent of formula (7) to produce the compounds of formulae (1), (2) or (3). The claim language has been amended for clarity. The amended claim language finds support in the original claim 4, as well as throughout the specification, specifically at page 8, lines 6-17, and examples 1 and 2 on pages 17-19.

Claims 5 and 7 have been amended for clarity and now, more distinctly, simply call for blending the pigment of formula (1) with the pigment of formula (2) and/or the pigment of formula (3) to provide an image recording composition.

Claims 9-11 have been introduced with this amendment. These claims are directed to a process for using yellow pigments of claim 1 for image recording using an ink jet system. Support for these claims can be found throughout the specification, specifically at page 12, line 19 to page 14, line 28, as well as original claims 1-3. It is submitted that no new matter is introduced with these amendments.

It is submitted that the above amendments remove all of the indefiniteness in claims 1-8. The helpful suggestions provided by the Examiner are gratefully acknowledged and have been followed in the claim amendments. It is submitted that the rejections should be withdrawn.

It is also submitted that all pending claims 1-11 are now of proper form and scope for allowance. Early and favorable consideration is respectfully requested.

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